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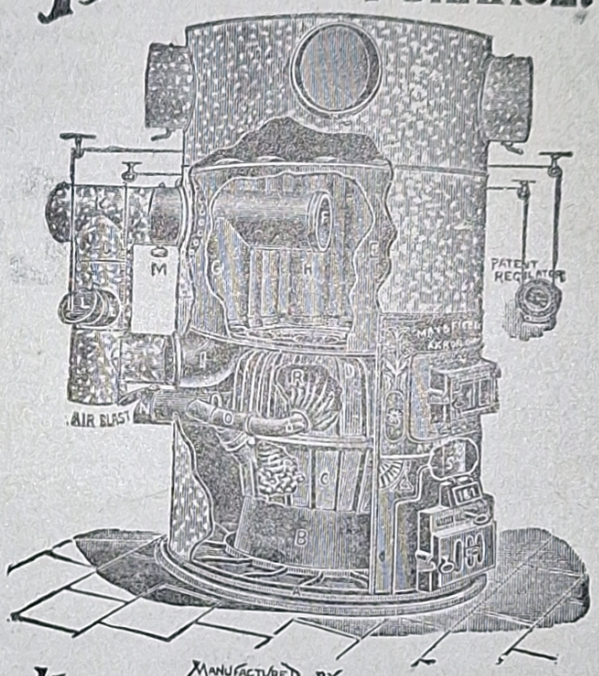

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follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

READINESS.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	Luke 23: 50-56.	Preparation for service.
Tues.	Mark 14: 29-42.	Secure against surprise.
Wed.	II Cor. 1: 3-7.	Strengthened for sorrow.
Thur.	I Pet. 3: 12-16.	Readiness is defence.
Fri.	Jno. 12: 35, 36.	Filling the moments for Christ.
Sat.	Phil. 2: 1-4.	Helping another.
Sun.	Luke 21: 29-36.	Always ready.

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 151, 58, 205.
2. OPENING SERVICE—Ps. 23: 1-6.....Led by the President.
3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.
4. Hymn .....No. 11.
5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

29. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;
30. When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.
31. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.
32. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away till all be fulfilled.
33. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
34. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be over-charged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.
35. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

35. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;
36. And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.
37. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.
38. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.
39. And this know, that if the good man of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.
40. Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

6. HYMN .....No. 109.
7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
- (a) This parable teaches us that we are traveling along a difficult path to a distant city, and that we must watch and be ready to meet trials and temptations. What are they?
- (b) We can overcome these barriers by taking to us "the whole armour of God"—Eph. 6: 11-18. It gives us all the strength we need if we use it.
- (c) We must not despair when we meet the trials of life, but the more fervently pray God to help us, he is our anchor. The sweetest things come to us through tears and pain. "Our light affliction,"—II Cor. 4: 17.

II
- (a) Our death and the judgment day will come to us unexpectedly, and the word of the Lord is Watch, be ready, "Ye know not what hour," —Matt. 24: 44.
- (b) If we refuse to watch against temptation and for our Lord's coming we have no salvation. The careless shall have no mercy, "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where,"—I Pet. 4: 18.
- (c) Let us give all diligence to our Lord's injunction, Watch, be ready, and "henceforth there is laid up for us a crown of righteousness,"—II Tim. 4: 8.

8. HYMN .....No. 133.

Names of Leaders _____

9. OPEN MEETING .....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. The ten virgins,—Matt. 25: 1-13. 2. Who is the faithful servant?—Matt. 24: 42-47. 3. Delaying is dangerous,—Matt. 24: 48-51. 4. Watch and pray,—Mark 13: 32-37. 5. Be sober, be vigilant,—I Peter 5: 8-11. 6. Ready to help others,—Phil. 2: 1-5.

LESSON LIGHTS.

The design of this parable is to encourage Christian watchfulness and Christian readiness,—a constant expectancy of Satan and his works on the one hand, and of our Lord's second coming on the other, "Therefore let us not sleep, but,"—I Thes. 5: 6.

Christian watchfulness and Christian readiness is essential, for we do not know what is before us, nor when the great summons will come, not even what a day may bring forth, and it behooves us to watch and to be ready to meet whatever may come to us, "Take ye heed, watch and pray,"—Mark 13: 33, 37.

This watchfulness must be exercised in reference to things within us and things without us, for we have inward evils and outward temptations. We must watch the affections of our hearts, the operations of our minds, and our outward temptations, "Let us put on the breastplate of,"—I Thes. 5: 6-9.

"Watch and pray" should always go together, each one is weak without the other. We should watch against the wiles of the devil, and ask God to help us to withstand our temptations. If we depend on our strength we will surely fail—we must watch prayerfully,—Eph. 4: 10-18.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

We are never free from temptations, but we are only degraded by them as we yield to them. This lesson teaches us that we must be ready to meet them and to keep them from getting into our souls. We can be pure and it is our duty to be pure amid all vileness, "Keep thyself pure,"—I Tim. 5: 22.

We should be ready to meet trials, for in this world we can not escape them. Trouble is the natural consequence of sin. We should meet them cheerfully, remembering that our Father sends them for our good, "Whom the Lord loveth he,"—Prov. 3: 12.

We should always be ready to do good. It is not when we live to ourselves that our character becomes like Christ's, but when we live for the good of others. If we are not in charity with our fellow-men we are not in favor with God, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth,"—I Jno. 4: 20.

Death is uncertain, but it will come, and whether soon or late, let us be ready to meet our Lord rejoicing, for to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord,—II Cor. 5: 6-9. Let us remember that this world is our only probation, and if we fail to make the necessary preparation we must expect damnation.

QUESTIONS.

1. How does God show his readiness? 2. How can we show our readiness? 3. How is this readiness gained? 4. Why should watching and praying go together? 5. Is it a hindrance because we do not know the time of death? 6. Should we look with joy for Christ's coming? 7. Against what all should we watch, and how should we resist temptation?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS .....The Members.

Consider and hear me, lest,—Ps. 13: 3. For thy name's sake pardon,—Ps. 25: 11. The Lord is nigh unto them,—Ps. 34: 18. Shew me thy ways,—Ps. 24: 4, 5. Let all those that seek,—Ps. 40: 16. Lord, make me to know,—Ps. 39: 4. My defense is of,—Ps. 7: 10.

11. HYMN .....No. 197.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"Give and it shall be given unto you."

13. HYMN .....No. 226.

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

CHRIST OUR MISSIONARY MODEL.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	Luke 2: 41-49.	The mission spirit in Christ.
Tues.	Mark 6: 1-6.	He came unto his own.
Wed.	Matt. 20: 17-28.	Spending life for others.
Thur.	I Jno. 2: 1, 2.	His plan includes the world.
Fri.	Mark 3: 31-35.	He brought man to his kin.
Sat.	Matt. 5: 42-48.	He taught us to give.
Sun.	Jno. 4: 5-15.	The missionary model.

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 104, 42, 174.

2. OPENING SERVICE—Ps. 51: 6-19.....Led by the President.

3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.

4. HYMN .....No. 13.

5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

5. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
6. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.
7. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
8. For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.
9. Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.
10. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.
11. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?
12. Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?
13. Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
14. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
15. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

6. HYMN .....No. 27.

7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
- (a) Christ came to minister and not to be ministered unto, and it is the highest aim of living. Let us make our lives a ministry of love—we truly live when we live to bless others, "God will not forget our labor of,"—Heb. 6: 10.
- (b) Like Christ, we should seize every opportunity. We should work where we are and not wait for some great field. One of the greatest mission fields in the world is at our doors, "Compel them to come,"—Luke 14: 23.
- (c) There is no better indication of the good spiritual condition of an individual than its earnestness in missionary work, "Be instant; exhort with all,"—II Tim. 4: 2.

II
- (a) Christ preached as he walked. We preach as we walk when Christ is mirrored in our character, in our disposition, in our conduct, "Walk as children of,"—Eph. 5: 8-11.
- (b) One of the best ways in which we can help others is by the purity and loveliness of our example, and by standing for right in every day life, "Let your light so shine,"—Matt. 5: 16.
- (c) The road of honor lies not among earthly deeds, but in the lowly ways of Christ-like ministry, serving the poor in Christ's name, "He that followeth after,"—Prov. 21: 21.

8. HYMN .....No. 155.

Names of Leaders _____

9. OPEN MEETING .....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. The mission spirit in Christ,—Luke 2: 41-49. 2. Christ came to seek and to save the lost,—Matt. 18: 11-14. 3. Christ came to minister,—Matt. 20: 27-34. 4. Christ taught us to give,—Matt. 5: 42-48. 5. Christ's parting words,—Mark 16: 14-20. 6. Woe, if I preach not Christ,—I Cor. 9: 11-17.

LESSON LIGHTS.

There is no life which can inspire a truly missionary spirit like the meek and lowly Jesus. If we study his life we cannot help but get the missionary spirit, for it is the spirit of Christ, "I am among you as a servant,"—Luke 22: 27.

Christ was a missionary; he went about doing good; he went where the people were; he did personal work. Missionary work is a personal work, and no one is exempt. We follow Christ in proportion as we carry to others the living water, "We are laborers with God,"—I Cor. 3: 9.

To do mission work effectually we must have Christ's spirit and follow his methods. We must imitate him in spirit, in truth, in heart. We must preach the pure Gospel, looking out on every side for someone whom we can help, "If we have not the Spirit,"—Rom. 8: 9.

Christ came to save the lost; he did not count his life dear unto himself. To follow Him we must be willing to give our best efforts, our all to this work. We may meet with trials, but we must nevertheless go forward with faith and earnest perseverance, "None of these things move me,"—Acts 20: 24.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

Christ approached this woman with tenderness. We should use the utmost courtesy and brotherly love in attracting men to the Gospel. We should make them feel that we have their interest at heart and that we seek their good, "How beautiful are they that,"—Rom. 10: 15.

Christ convinced this woman of her guilt, her need. So must we, and as long as we cannot make men feel the need of a Saviour, just so long will they remain indifferent. Turn them to the very verse where their sin is condemned and their duty commanded, "How shall they hear without,"—Rom. 10: 14.

No soul was beneath Christ, and he never was too busy to council with the sinner, nor to relieve the suffering. A single soul, even the poorest and the most obscure, is worthy of all our efforts, our time, our earnestness, our best truth, "God will not forget our,"—Heb. 6: 10.

Christ has Living Water for everyone, and enough to quench every thirst, but it must pass through our hands to the unconverted. Let us be faithful, for it would be a bitter thing if any should perish because we did not carry to them the Living Water, "Thou shalt be his witness,"—Acts 22: 15.

QUESTIONS.

1. Why was Christ the greatest missionary? 2. When was Christ a home missionary? When a foreign missionary? 3. What was Christ's last command? 4. Can we be a Christian and not a missionary? 5. Did Christ meet with hindrances and trials? 6. What were Christ's methods? 7. What makes a missionary? 8. Why are so many indifferent to the work?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS .....The Members.

O Lord open my lips,—Ps. 51: 15. The Lord is my light whom,—Ps. 27: 1. Let us exalt His name,—Ps. 34: 3. Send out thy light and,—Ps. 43: 3. Stablish thy word unto thy,—Ps. 119: 38. Teach me thy way,—Ps. 86: 11. Oh, that men would,—Ps. 107: 15.

11. HYMN .....No. 151.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"Freely ye have received, freely give."

13. HYMN .....No. 147.

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	Jno. 4: 31-34.	The soul's food.
Tues.	Acts 14: 8-17.	Our source of strength.
Wed.	Luke 12: 22-29.	Eating and living.
Thur.	I Cor. 15: 14-22.	Easter brings vitality.
Fri.	Mark 8: 1-9.	Christ satisfies all hunger.
Sat.	Isa. 55: 1-3.	Food without price.
Sun.	Jno. 6: 24-40.	The Bread of Life.

1. SONG SERVICE .....Nos. 37, 38, 32.
2. OPENING SERVICE—Ps. 95: 1-11.....Led by the President.
3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.
4. HYMN .....No. 197.
5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

24. When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.
25. And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?
26. Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.
27. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.
28. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?
29. Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
30. They said therefore unto him, What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? What dost thou work?
31. Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.
32. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven,
33. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.
34. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
35. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
36. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.
37. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out,
38. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
39. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
40. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

6. HYMN .....No. 177.
7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
(a) What bread is to the hungry, Christ is to the Christian. Christ is the bread of life. Salvation is of God, but Christ wrought out the salvation, "Shall be saved through him,"—Rom. 5: 6-9.
(b) Our greatest need is food for the inner life. A life that does not draw its nourishment from Christ is as dead branches, "I am the life,"—Jno. 14: 6.
(c) To be without Christ is to be eternally lost,—Matt. 25: 41-46. And to neglect God and the duties of religion is to lose an important aid to success in this life.

II
(a) We should apply our whole mind to know Christ, and our whole heart to love him, "Learn of me,"—Matt. 11: 29.
(b) Christ can supply every hunger. Do we want rest, our Lord says, "Come unto me and I,"—Matt. 11: 28. Are we homeless? "I go to prepare a place,"—Jno. 14: 1-3. "Peace I give unto you,"—Jno. 14:27.
(c) If people were only better acquainted with Christ's life and words, they would be more willing to stand up for him. It is our business to show him to others, "Declare his doings that,"—Is. 12: 4.

8. HYMN .....No. 201.

Names of Leaders _____

9. OPEN MEETING.....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. Bread from heaven,—Ex. 16: 11-15. 2. The Bread of God,—Jno. 6: 41-51. 3. Not by bread alone,—Matt. 4: 1-4. 4. The soul's food,—Jno. 4: 27-34. 5. Our daily bread,—Luke 11: 1-3.

LESSON LIGHTS.

The Bread of Life is Christ; He is the true bread from heaven. Just as the body is nourished by constant renewal of supplies, so is the soul nourished by continual feeding upon Christ through the word of God and the sacraments, "Shall live by every word,"—Matt. 4: 4.

Jesus is the true Bread of Life, because he is the way, the truth and the life. He is the author, the sustainer and the finisher of our faith,—Jno. 14: 6; Heb. 12: 2. He is the loving friend, the divine teacher and master, "He is all in all,"—Col. 3: 14.

Jesus, the Bread of Life, is the gift of God to everyone, and the only condition of receiving it is asking for it. The food is always ready, and every hunger of the soul can be satisfied, "Whatsoever ye ask in my name,"—Jno. 14: 13, 14.

Christ is the way to heaven, and the only way. We must enter by the door, "He that entereth not by the,"—Jno. 10: 1-7. Outward morality can not save us, nor thinking that we are as good as Christians. We must accept Christ as our Bread and do as he bids.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

We accept the Bread of Life by faith, and we have the true Bread when we trust Christ, love Christ and obey Christ, "He that cometh to me,"—Jno. 6: 35. Then Christ will take away our sins, give us power to live aright, comfort us in every trial, and when our course is finished gives us a crown of righteousness.

The Bread of Life should be daily bread. We should read the Bible and pray every day; labor for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life. The neglect of Bible study is dangerous, it leads to wrong ideas about truth and duty, "Bind them continually upon thine heart,"—Prov. 6: 21.

We cannot serve God acceptably until we receive and honor Christ, whom he has sent to be our Bread of Life, "That all should honor the,"—Jno. 5: 23. We must keep him before our hearts as the object of our faith, as the end of our life, as the joy of our eternity.

What a valuable gift the Lord Jesus is; all we have and are we owe to him. It should be our daily aim and prayer to make a true and good use of all his benefits, for who loves us more, who is more able and willing to help us? He laid down his life for us thereby proving the intensity of his love to us, "Greater love hath no one,"—Jno. 15: 13, 14.

QUESTIONS.

1. What is this soul hunger? 2. How do we receive the Bread of Life? 3. How often do we need this food? 4. Are any qualifications necessary to be with Christ? 5. How may we sit at Jesus' feet? 6. What secures the blessings of God? 7. Why are there so many sickly Christians? 8. What is Christ to the unbeliever?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS.....The Members.

Let the words of my mouth,—Ps. 19: 14. The Lord is nigh unto,—Ps. 34: 18. Create in me a clean,—Ps. 51: 10. Wash me thoroughly from mine,—Ps. 51: 2. The sacrifices of God are a,—Ps. 51: 7. Open thou mine eyes,—Ps. 119: 18. Help me to hide thy word,—Ps. 119: 11.

11. HYMN .....No. 95.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

13. HYMN .....No. 216.

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

SERVING GOD JOYOUSLY.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon	Heb. 12: 1-3.	The joy of Christ.
Tues.	Isa. 61: 1-3.	Wearing the garment of praise.
Wed.	Ps. 96: 1-13.	Gladness in religion.
Thur.	Luke 2: 1-10.	Making another joyful.
Fri.	Eph. 1: 1-14.	God's joy in us.
Sat.	Phil. 3: 1-3.	Happiness in Christ.
Sun.	Matt. 22: 1-14.	Joyous service.

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 37, 38, 141.
2. OPENING SERVICE—Ps. 96: 1-13.....Led by the President.
3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.
4. HYMN .....No. 103.
5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

1. And Jesus answered and spake unto them again, by parables, and said,
2. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,
3. And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.
4. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.
5. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:
6. And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.
7. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.
8. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.
9. Go ye therefore unto the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.
10. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.
11. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:
12. And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.
13. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth,
14. For many are called, but few are chosen.

6. HYMN .....No. 40.
7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
- (a) Religion is joy. It is a light in the midst of darkness, "Who is God like unto thee, that,"—Mic. 7: 18, 19.
- (b) The Christian's joy is in God, in knowing and doing his will, in being conformed to his character, in seeking his glory. "Acquaint thyself and be at,"—Job 22: 21.
- (c) The Christian's joy is the eternal joy, to see God as he is, "We shall be like him,"—I Jno. 3: 2. All that God has to bestow awaits him in heaven.
- (d) The Christian's joy is a treasure that no one can take from him, and whosoever has tasted it can have no relish for worldly pleasure, "A joy that no one,"—Jno. 16: 22.

II
- (a) If we delight in God, trust him and serve him, we will have more real satisfaction than all the world can give. It gives a joy that grows deeper and deeper, a joy that shineth more unto the perfect day,—Prov. 4: 18.
- (b) Who can enumerate all the blessings and joys which come to those whose eye is fixed on Jesus, who works for him and for his people, "They cannot be reckoned,"—Ps. 40: 5. Experience alone can tell the real joy that is in Christian service.
- (c) If we do not have this joy in serving God, the fault is with us. We either do not seek it where it is, or else not in the right way, "The fruit of the Spirit is joy,"—Gal. 5: 22-26.

8. HYMN .....No. 23.

Names of Leaders _____

9. OPEN MEETING.....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. The joy of the shepherd,—Matt. 18: 12-14. 2. The joy of the seventy,—Luke 10: 1-17. 3. The joy of sower and reaper,—Jno. 4: 35-38. 4. Joy amid persecution,—Acts 5: 34-42. 5. Returning with joy,—Ps. 126: 1-6. 6. Lasting joy,—Dan. 12: 1-3.

LESSON LIGHTS.

This parable gives us the sweet invitation, Come, all things are ready—the crucifixion, the resurrection and ascension of Christ, by which atonement was made for our sins. The Church is ready and waiting to welcome everyone, so that we can say, All things are ready, come unto the marriage, "Whosoever will, let him take,"—Rev. 22: 17.

This parable gives us the assurance that God has room for everyone, a wedding garment for the chief of sinners, and he not only has room, but he sends his invitation again and again to everyone, and all that is required is to do his will cheerfully, "Serve him with a willing,"—I Chr. 28: 9.

This parable tells us that everyone must have the wedding garment to come unto the marriage, which is Christ's righteousness. We can not depend on our wisdom and works,—true saving faith alone brings salvation, "Without faith it is impossible,"—Heb. 11:6.

God's service is pleasant, if we truly love him. If we are born again of the Spirit God's will is our will and we serve him with joy. We have friends for whom it gives us pleasure to deny ourselves, and if we do not love God more than our friends we are not worthy of him,—Matt. 10: 37.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

Many think that to be a Christian is to be cranky and gloomy. Christianity gives a spirit of gladness and spiritual rejoicing—an open, cheery and hopeful spirit. The things to be renounced are those only which disable and destroy and which we should be glad to discard, "In thy presence is,"—Ps. 16: 11.

Selfishness and all that the world can give yields no true joy, it is only a well-spring of misery. If we want true joy, the joy of Christ, we must enter into the spirit of the life of Christ, who devoted his whole life in doing the Father's will and in ministry to others, "A joy that no one,"—Jno. 16: 22.

True Christians need not seek after happiness. It comes unsought from the sweetness of their lives, and it is a joy that all darkness of earth's trials can not quench, "Acquaint thyself and be at,"—Job 22: 21. Will you seek worldly pleasure which cannot satisfy and which is snatched away in a moment?

If we perish, after this full and free provision, the fault is all our own, for if we would only study God's word and learn of him it would be an easy thing for us to do his will, which would give us the eternal joy, "See God as he is,"—I Jno. 3: 2.

QUESTIONS.

1. What is true joy? 2. How is true joy achieved? 3. Why is the Christian life not a constrained service? 4. What is meant by the wedding garment? 5. Can we serve God and yet feel downcast and gloomy? 6. Where does woe and worry belong? 7. How do we learn to love and enjoy God?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS .....The Members.

O Lord, forget not the,—Ps. 10: 12. Keep me as the,—Ps. 17: 8. Lead me, Lord, because of my,—Ps. 5: 8. Order my steps in thy,—Ps. 119: 133. Make me to understand,—Ps. 119: 27. Let integrity and uprightness preserve,—Ps. 25: 21. Restore unto me thy,—Ps. 51: 12, 13. Our soul waiteth, he is our,—Ps. 33: 20.

11. HYMN .....No. 197.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"The liberal soul shall be made fat."

13. HYMN .....No. 85.

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

{ Luke 20: 19-26.
{ II Cor. 9: 6-11.

GIVING GOD'S DUE.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	I Cor. 4: 1-6.	We are stewards.
Tues.	Prov. 3: 9, 10.	Gratitude to be manifest.
Wed.	Job 29: 11-16.	Remembering the needy.
Thur.	I Cor. 6: 19, 20.	What is my own?
Fri.	Mal. 3: 8-12.	A plan in giving.
Sat.	Prov. 16: 8.	How little shall I keep?
Sun.	Luke 20: 19-26.	What is God's due?

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 151, 123, 212.
2. OPENING SERVICE,—Ps. 96: 1-13.....Led by the President.
3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.
4. HYMN .....No. 11.
5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

19. And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.
20. And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.
21. And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:
22. Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?
23. But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?
24. Show me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's.
25. And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.
26. And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

6. But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
7. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.
8. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:
9. As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever.
10. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower doth minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.
11. Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

6. HYMN .....No. 95.
7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
(a) This lesson brings to us the first commandment, "I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me." God demands our hearts and love, and he has a right to them.
(b) This requires us to renounce all self-dependence, and to cut ourselves loose from the world, "If any man love the world,"—I Jno. 2: 15.
(c) God is our God when we have nothing in this world in which to trust, but the pure grace of God through Christ, and it gives us direct participation in all that belongs to Christ, his righteousness, his life, his inheritance, "It doth not yet appear,"—I Jno. 3: 2.

II
(a) To honor the Lord with our substance has been a Christian duty in all ages, "I will give one-tenth,"—Gen. 28: 22. Our giving to God helps us to prepare ourselves for receiving his gifts.
(b) "Upon the first day of the week, as God has prospered you," —I Cor. 16: 1, 2. Our offering should be made by system, not by mere impulse, and by so doing we honor God constantly.
(c) Our offering should be given freely and gladly, "If there be first a willing mind,"—II Cor. 8: 12. It is the direct result of our gratitude and love to God.

8. HYMN .....No. 219.

Names of Leaders _____

9. OPEN MEETING.....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. The law of tithes,—Lev. 27: 30-34. 2. Proportionate giving,—Deut. 16: 10-17. 3. Systematic giving,—I Cor. 16: 1-9. 4. Giving God his own,—I Chr. 29: 9-21. 5. Willing offering,—Ex. 35: 20-29. 6. True liberality,—II Cor. 8: 9-15.

LESSON LIGHTS.

This lesson tells us that our first duty is to God. All honor and glory is due to none but him who is the most High, the everlasting God, and we should love and trust him above all things, "No man can serve two,"—Matt. 6: 24.

The text tells us that whatever is Cæsar's should be Cæsar's, and whatever is God's should be God's; we should keep the two separate. In this present day there is a tendency to let worldly things creep into our churches. Let us remember that the pure Gospel is sufficient, and is the sword that triumphs, "The word of God is quick,"—Heb. 4: 12.

The text gives us no middle ground. If we do not choose God and serve him, we serve Cæsar, the world, "He that is not with me is against me,"—Matt. 12: 30. There is only one way to find eternal life, and that is to choose God, and give him our hearts, our love and our best service.

The second part of our lesson tells us that we should honor God with our substance. Giving is an essential part of the Christian religion, and giving rightly done is an act of worship as well as praise and prayer, "Bring an offering and come,"—Ps. 96: 8.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

Without system no worldly business can be successfully carried on, and this is equally true in the Lord's service. It is our duty to give systematically, according to our ability, and rejoicing as we present our offering,—II Cor. 9: 7.

Everyone should be a giver, no one is exempt. The smallest income can pay its proportion as well as the largest. We should not shrink on account of the smallness of the amount, but we should be sure that we give as God has prospered us,—I Cor. 16: 2.

Giving should be constant business with us; we should make preparation for it before hand. Has God anywhere taught us that we are to give him only of our superfluity? "Honor the Lord with the first,"—Prov. 3: 9.

Our giving is a test of our love and loyalty to our Church and to Christ. Giving enlarges our hearts, promotes our happiness, and prepares us for a great reward in heaven. Giving makes us like unto God, "Be merciful as your,"—Luke 6: 32-38.

QUESTIONS.

1. What does God ask of us? Is it a hard thing to give? Why? 2. What does true love withhold? 3. What is the scripture method of giving? 4. Why should we give systematically? 5. Why should our gifts be cheerful and loving? 6. Who are the best givers? 7. Why do I give?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS .....The Members.

Let us worship and bow,—Ps. 95: 6, 7. Let thy mercies come,—Ps. 119: 44. All thy paths are mercy and,—Ps. 25: 10. Thou art my shield and my,—Ps. 119: 114. I acknowledge my sins and,—Ps. 32: 5. With my whole heart,—Ps. 119: 10. Accept, I beseech thee, the,—Ps. 119: 108. The Lord taketh pleasure,—Ps. 149: 4.

11. HYMN .....No. 49.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"Honor the Lord with thy substance."

13. HYMN .....No. 197.

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

{ Mk. 4: 26-32.
{ Eph. 4: 11-16.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	Matt. 13: 31, 32.	First the seed.
Tues.	II Peter 3: 13-18.	Growth expected.
Wed.	Mk. 11: 12-14.	Growth awaited.
Thur.	Col. 1: 1-10.	Fruit bearing.
Fri.	Eph. 4: 1-15.	With fullness.
Sat.	Matt. 7: 16-18.	Have I grown?
Sun.	Mk. 4: 26-32.	Christian growth.

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 92, 121, 128.
2. OPENING SERVICE,—Ps. 1: 1-6.....Led by the President.
3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.
4. HYMN .....No. 178.
5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

26. And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground.
27. And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.
28. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.
29. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.
30. And he said, whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?
31. It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:
32. But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.
13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.
14. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
15. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
16. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

6. HYMN .....No. 20.
7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
- (a) We grow spiritually by taking into our souls the truths of God, and absorbing them into our beings, "These were written,"—Jno. 20: 31.
- (b) We need the fullest Christian knowledge we can possibly get. We must search and study or we cannot "arrive at the stature of the,"—Eph. 4: 13.
- (c) The Bread of Life should be to us daily bread. Should not our souls be nourished as often as our bodies, "Blessed is he that readeth,"—Rev. 1: 3.

II
- (a) The way to grow is to see that our daily life is kept in harmony with the principles which Christ has given us for guidance, "All scripture is given for,"—II Tim. 3: 16, 17.
- (b) Living to Christ every day, and in the minutest things of life, is the secret of growth, "Be ye holy in all,"—I Pet. 1: 15.
- (c) Prayer is a means to spiritual growth, "Let us come boldly to the throne of grace,"—Heb. 4: 16.
- (d) The whole secret is, Christ must live in us, "He that abideth in me the same bringeth,"—Jno. 15: 5.

8. HYMN .....No. 15.

Names of Leaders _____

9. OPEN MEETING.....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. Rooted in Christ,—Col. 2: 1-7. 2. Growing by the Word,—I Peter 2: 1-10.
3. Growing in faith,—II Thes. 1: 1-12. 4. Growing in grace,—II Pet. 3: 11-18.
5. Growing in righteousness,—Heb. 12: 1-11.

LESSON LIGHTS.

This parable tells us that Christian growth does not come of a sudden, but as the morning light, which comes in by soft degrees, and shineth more and more unto the perfect day, First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. St. Paul tells us of babes in Christ,—I Cor. 3: 1.

Good food for the soul is essential to Christian growth—the more nourishing the food the stronger the Christian. The apostle says, Desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow,—I Peter 2: 2. The word of God is the great means of growth in the new life.

Wholesome air for the soul is another essential to Christian growth. The Christian should not go with anyone, nor into anything, if he cannot take Christ with him. We cannot be with those who do not believe in Christ and a godly life, without degrading our ways of living, "I have no greater joy,"—3 Jno. 4.

Exercise is necessary to Christian growth; inactivity is the death of many, "Exercise thyself," says the apostle, "unto godliness,"—I Tim. 4: 7. God has given us certain powers, capacities and possessions for his service, and we should grow in goodness, usefulness and liberality.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

It is the apostle's command that we should grow up "unto a perfect man,"—Eph. 4: 13. As a child gradually grows up to the stature of a perfect man, so we ought to grow in the practice of faith and virtue, until we become a perfect man in Christ Jesus,—Col. 1: 28.

Nothing imparts sinew and muscle to a Christian life like the thorough study of the Bible. It regulates the thoughts and affections, the speech and behavior. We cannot become holy by a careless wish, we must study and work for it, and let us not neglect the command "Search the scriptures,"—Jno. 5: 39.

It is necessary that we become well rooted. Christ should dwell down in the core of our hearts, so that we may walk by faith and not by sight, "Except ye abide in me,"—Jno. 15: 4. Longing for the Church and guarding against besetting sins marks a Christian growth.

We cannot remain stationary, we are either growing more and more or we are dying. Faith is never so strong but it needs to be increased, and holiness is never so perfect but it needs to be intensified, "If we say we have no,"—I Jno. 1: 8, 9.

QUESTIONS.

1. What is Christian growth? 2. What are the fruits of true Christian growth? 3. How is Christian growth promoted? 4. What is the best soil for the soul? 5. Does this growth need watering? 6. When should Christian growth begin? 7. In this growth, when is the fruit ripe? 8. Out of what and into what do we grow?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS .....The Members.

Let the words of my mouth,—Ps. 19: 14. The Lord is nigh unto,—Ps. 34: 18. Create in me a clean,—Ps. 51: 10. The sacrifices of God are a,—Ps. 51: 7. Remember not my sins,—Ps. 25: 7. Be merciful unto me,—Ps. 41: 10. Examine me and prove,—Ps. 26: 2. Incline my heart unto,—Ps. 119: 36. Teach me to do,—Ps. 143: 10.

11. HYMN .....No. 2.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY.—"God loveth a cheerful giver."

13. HYMN .....No. 30.

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

VISION AND SERVICE.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	Gal. 1: 11-18.	Visions essential.
Tues.	Gen. 28: 10-22.	Heavenly guidance.
Wed.	Acts 9: 1-12.	God's appeal in visions.
Thur.	Acts 26: 13-20.	Good results through obedience.
Fri.	Rev. 1: 10-22.	The vision of John.
Sat.	Dan. 3: 13-25.	Seeing the Son of God.
Sun.	Matt. 17: 1-8.	Vision and service.

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 6, 153, 139.

2. OPENING SERVICE—Ps. 25: 1-15.....Led by the President.

3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.

4. HYMN .....No. 177.

5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

1. And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2. And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

4. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

6. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

14. And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15. Lord, have mercy on my son; for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oft-times he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

18. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departeth out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

19. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

20. And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

6. HYMN .....No. 77.

7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
- (a) Salvation is conditional. If we look up, we shall be saved, "Believe, and thou shalt be,"—Acts 16: 31.
- (b) Christ does not compel us to see "him only." He permits us to choose our own way, but "what shall it profit you,"—Mark 8: 36.
- (c) If we choose Christ—if we want salvation, we must do as he bids. His word is "Search the scriptures, in them ye have,"—Jno. 4: 39.
- (d) Not to choose Christ is death. If we refuse to follow his directions, we must, at the end of this life, take our part with the damned,—Jno. 5: 29.

II
- (a) Coming down from the mountain Jesus healed a child. Christ went about doing good, and we are to follow his steps,—Jno. 15: 16.
- (b) Whatever we do, in religion, in business, we should do with our whole heart, but in all things serve the Lord,—Col. 3: 7.
- (c) If we work with our might, God will give us all the more strength,—Is. 40: 29. Our failures are more often due to want of will than want of power.

8. HYMN .....No. 230.

Names of Leaders _____

9. OPEN MEETING.....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. Visions essential,—Gal. 1: 11-18. 2. Heavenly guidance,—Gen. 28: 10-22. 3. God's appeal in visions,—Acts 9: 1-12. 4. Good results through obedience,—Acts 26: 13-20. 5. The vision of John,—Rev. 1: 10-22.

LESSON LIGHTS.

Jesus went up into a mountain to pray, he sought comfort and strength,—Luke 9: 28-36. If Christ needed prayer, comfort and strength, how much more do we need it. If we pray and do God's will, we will receive strength for every need, and comfort in every trial and affliction.

"They saw no man, save Jesus only." The only way to abiding glory is to see "Jesus only"—to follow in his footsteps. We must keep a steadfast gaze on Jesus; we can not look in one direction for a while and then in the other, "Ye can not serve God and,"—Matt. 6: 24.

Faith is the key that will unlock the gate of salvation. If we have faith we have Christ, salvation, and if we have not faith we have not Christ. We must put aside all natural reasoning and live our entire life to the will of God in faith, "Without faith we can not,"—Heb. 11: 6.

This lesson gives us a beautiful description of heaven. Heaven does not seem far away; these saints appeared on earth as if a veil did but separate them from the living. Heaven is a state of infinite glory, and we shall know each other and continue serving God in our blessed state,—Rev. 7: 15-17.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

"Christ only" is our teacher, all other teachers must find their authority in him. Christ is our teacher when we follow his footsteps, when we imitate him in spirit, in truth, in heart, and no other life can reach its noblest and best, "He that saith he abideth in him ought,"—I Jno. 2: 6.

Christ prayed—should not we pray? Prayer is absolutely needful to our salvation. We are never so far advanced in patience, faith and holiness as no longer to require the influence of prayer. To be prayerless is to be without Christ and without heaven,—Ps. 145: 18.

We should aim in securing a simple, child-like faith, that we too can see "Christ only." We cannot give too much attention to faith; with it goes everything of grace and of salvation. If we have true faith we will work for Christ and we can do his work —Matt. 17: 14-20.

Fellowship with Jesus gives vision and power. If we want light and power we must be with Christ in prayer, in reading and hearing God's word and obeying his commandments, and we shall see by faith what Peter, James and John did, "Christ only."

QUESTIONS.

1. When did the Transfiguration take place? 2. Who did Moses and Elijah represent? 3. Who was the greatest of the three? Why? 4. Why is faith essential to salvation? 5. What does prayer do for us? 6. What is true obedience? How should we think of God's commands? 7. When can we do God's work?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS .....The Members.

Let us worship and bow,—Ps. 95: 6, 7. Search me and know,—Ps. 139: 23, 24. Purge me with,—Ps. 51: 7. God be merciful to me,—Ps. 67: 1. Our soul waiteth, he is our,—Ps. 33: 20. Lead me and teach me,—Ps. 25: 5. O that my ways were,—Ps. 119: 5.

11. HYMN .....No. 95.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"He that watereth shall be watered."

13. HYMN .....No. 167.

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

POWER IN TEMPERANCE.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	I Cor. 9: 25-27.	What is temperance.
Tues.	Titus 2: 2-15.	Need of personal purity.
Wed.	I Cor. 8: 8-13.	The power of influence.
Thur.	I Thes. 1: 1-10.	Help by example.
Fri.	Ps: 144: 9-15.	The safe community.
Sat.	Ps. 33: 12.	How to insure public weal.
Sun.	Dan. 1: 1-17.	Power in temperance.

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 105, 91, 100.
2. OPENING SERVICE—Ps. 16: 1-11.....Led by the President.
3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.
4. HYMN .....No. 181.
5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

3. And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his ennuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

4. Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5. And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

6. Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah:

7. Unto whom the prince of the ennuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah of Shadrack; and to Mishael of Meshach; and to Azariah of Abednego.

8. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the ennuchs that he might not defile himself.

9. Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the ennuchs.

10. And the prince of the ennuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

11. Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the ennuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,

12. Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

13. Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14. So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15. And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

6. HYMN .....No. 205.
7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
- (a) Temperance is a great aid to success and to happiness. God will honor and bless those who honor him, "I have no greater joy,"—3 Jno. 4.
- (b) Temperance is a virtue worth our best efforts. We should seek it at every cost. It not only blesses the individual, but the home and the community, "A sound heart is the life,"—Prov. 14: 30.
- (c) Temperance is essential, if we want to spend an eternity with Christ, "What fellowship hath righteousness with,"—II Cor. 6: 14.

II
- (a) Daniel overcame his temptations, and we have no excuse for stumbling before ours, "There hath no temptation taken,"—I Cor. 10: 13.
- (b) Our safety lies in firmly withstanding the first temptation, which will give strength for repelling future assaults of evil, "Stand fast, be not,"—Gal. 5: 1.
- (c) We should seek temperate companions. Daniel's companions made him stronger, "Enter not into the path,"—Prov. 4: 14, 15.
- (d) If we are faithful God will help us to overcome our temptations, "I can do all,"—Phil. 4: 13.

8. HYMN .....No. 176.

Names of Leaders _____

9. OPEN MEETING.....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. What is temperance?—I Cor. 9: 25-27. 2. Need of personal purity—Titus 2: 2-15. 3. The power of influence,—I Cor 8: 8-13. 4. Help by example.—I Thes. 1: 1-10. 5. The safe community,—Ps. 144: 9-15.

LESSON LIGHTS.

The scriptures pronounce temperance better than those achievements which are more brilliant and obtain the loudest applause of the world,—Prov. 16: 32. If we stand up for the good and the right, we shine with a Christian luster, which is admired by God, and which even bad men must honor.

There is no bondage like that of unbridled lust or ungovernable appetite, and the worst feature of it is that it appears to the sinner as freedom. No one is free but he whom the Son of God makes free, and as long as our affections cleave to the world we are in bondage,—Rom. 6: 11-23.

Christian courage is an essential. Daniel's motto was not "When in Rome do as the Romans," but he did what he believed to be right. There are many that impair their Christian character and lose the respect of all by yielding to evil for lack of courage to say, No,—Acts 5: 29.

From Daniel we learn the value of early religious training. The religious principles which had been engrafted into his mind enabled him to resist temptation. The best safeguard for the young today is religious instruction, "Train the child in the way,"—Prov. 22: 6.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

A temperate life, which means temperance in all things, will triumph. The temperate man has many advantages; he is stronger in mind and body and can think and work better, and he has a body in which a spiritual life can flourish. "Godliness is profitable,"—I Tim. 4: 8.

We cannot live in this world without being exposed to evil temptations, but we are not to enter into temptation. God's word to us is, "If sinners entice thee consent thou not,"—Prov. 1: 10. Daniel was religious amid every temptation, full of faith and faithful to men as well as to God.

Temperance is cultivated by means of faith, prayer and watchfulness. Our strength is in Christ; a deep love for him is the best help against the influence of sin, for if we love him we strive to subdue the lusts of the flesh,—Phil. 4: 13.

The wounds in Christ's sacred hands and feet should teach us abstinence from all carnal lusts and fleshly pleasures. We should consecrate our hands to do God's work, our lips to sing his praises and our eyes to look "unto Jesus the author and finisher,"—Heb. 12: 2.

QUESTIONS.

1. What is temperance? 2. Who is the honorable man? Why? 3. How does the body effect the soul? 4. Are tipplers drunkards? 5. Can a drunkard enter the kingdom of heaven? 6. How is wine spoken of in the scriptures? 7. How should we treat the enticement of sinners?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS .....The Members.

We will set up our banners,—Ps. 20: 5. For thy name's sake pardon,—Ps. 25: 11. Hold up my,—Ps. 17: 5. Preserve me, for in thee,—Ps. 16: 1. Teach me to do,—Ps. 143: 10. Be not silent to me,—Ps. 28: 1. It is God that girdeth,—Ps. 18: 32.

11. HYMN .....No. 226.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"God loveth a cheerful giver."

13. HYMN .....No. 232.

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

PATIENCE.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	2 Pet. 1: 1-11.	Adding to temperance.
Tues.	Mk. 10: 17-22.	Which are the common virtues.
Wed.	Rom. 5: 1-5.	How does one help all?
Thur.	II Kings 5: 1-13.	Minor vs. the major virtues.
Fri.	Rom. 15: 4-6.	What patience secures.
Sat.	Jas. 1: 1-4.	The victorious and patience.
Sun.	Matt. 18: 21-35.	Have patience.

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 141, 82, 40.
2. OPENING SERVICE—Heb. 12: 1-14.....Led by the President.
3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.
4. HYMN .....No. 181.
5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

21. Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?
22. Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.
23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.
24. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.
25. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.
26. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
27. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.
28. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.
29. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
31. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.
32. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me.
33. Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?
34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.
35. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses.

6. HYMN .....No. 76.
7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
- (a) Patience is that virtue by which in affliction we remain calm and submit entirely to God's will, "Despise not the chastening of the Lord,"—Heb. 12: 1-11.
- (b) Patience is a fruit of the Spirit; it comes from God, "Follow after patience, meekness, love, righteousness,"—I Tim. 6: 11, 12.
- (c) We must ask for it in prayer, "If any of you lack, let him ask,"—Jas. 1: 2-5.
- (d) Tribulations worketh patience. The trying of our faith worketh patience, "Let patience have her perfect work,"—Jas. 1: 1-4; Rom. 5: 3-5.

II
- (a) Patience is necessary to fulfill the will of God. We have need of it that we may receive the promises, "Be followers of them who through patience,"—Heb. 6: 12; 10: 36.
- (b) We should learn to love our trials, for we learn many useful lessons under the discipline of the cross, and through tribulation we enter into the kingdom of heaven,—Acts 14: 22.
- (c) Patience is always crowned with success, "The meek shall inherit the earth,"—Matt. 5: 5. Job 42: 10-17.

8. HYMN .....No. 88.

Names of Leaders_____

9. OPEN MEETING.....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. Patience of Christ,—I Peter 2: 18-25. 2. Need of patience,—Heb. 10: 35-39. 3. Tribulation worketh patience,—Rom. 5: 1-5. 4. Perfect work of patience,—Jas. 1: 1-4. 5. Patience rewarded,—Ps. 40: 1-10.

LESSON LIGHTS.

Patience is a calm and unshaken state of mind—an unruffled temper. Christian patience is a child-like resignation to God's will in trials and afflictions, "We count them happy which,"—Jas. 5: 11.

Patience is a virtue which is needed every day, and everyone has need of it. We need patience in every vocation of life and especially in the Christian life, "Ye have need of patience,"—Heb. 10: 36.

Patience is a virtue of unspeakable advantage. Patience brings happiness—the more patience we have the more happiness we will have. Impatience disquiets the soul and adds grief to our trouble, "In patience possess ye your souls,"—Luke 21: 19.

Christ left us an example of patience, he was the most patient of men. He was innocent and without sin and he could have saved himself, yet bore our sins and our cruelties with patience, teaching us to be patient with our fellowmen. The more patience we have the more we are like Christ, "If ye take it patiently,"—I Peter 2: 20.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

The hardest lesson that we must learn in life is that of patience. But we should cherish it, for we have need of it, and it is for our good, "Let us run with patience the race,"—Heb. 12: 1.

We should bear every trial and affliction with patience; they are for our good, and they will bring us treasures of blessings—they prepare us for something better. To complain and blame can do nothing to soften them or to turn them away. Christ tells us "My grace is sufficient,"—II Cor. 12: 9.

The remembrance of God's patience with us should move us to patience with others. How poor our wisdom at the very best must be in God's sight, yet how patiently he bears with us. So let us bear one another's faults and burdens patiently,—Gal. 6: 2.

Patience is the touch-stone of excellence in all Christian work. Jesus was patient, and by patience won men and accomplished his great work. God calls us to service and often to hard and trying work, but let us be found faithful and patient, remembering that in patience is strength, "Be gentle, patient,"—II Tim. 2: 24.

QUESTIONS.

1. What is patience? How do we get it? 2. Who possesses true patience? 3. How does patience help us? 4. What is the reward of patience? 5. Why is patience an essential? 6. Where do we need patience? 7. Who are the successful workers? Why? 8. With what only can we be impatient? 9. Give some examples of patience?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS.....The Members.

O Lord open my lips,—Ps. 51: 15. The Lord is nigh unto,—Ps. 34: 18. Wash me thoroughly from,—Ps. 51: 2. Order my steps in thy,—Ps. 119: 133. Let us exalt his name,—Ps. 34: 3. Be merciful unto me,—Ps. 41: 10. Yea, though I walk,—Ps. 23: 4.

11. HYMN.....No. 69.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"Freely ye have received, freely give."

13. HYMN.....No. 74.

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

THE GOOD NEIGHBOR.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	II. Tim. 3: 1-5.	The self-centered life.
Tues.	Rom. 12: 10-18.	Preferring one another.
Wed.	Lev. 19: 13-18.	God's ideal neighbor.
Thur.	Isa. 41: 6, 7.	A revival of neighborliness
Fri.	Prov. 25: 17, 18.	Some neighborhood courtesies.
Sat.	Prov. 27: 8-10.	Holding fast to friends.
Sun.	Luke 10: 25-37.	How to be a good neighbor.

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 102, 121, 100.

2. OPENING SERVICE—Ps. 41: 1-13.....Led by the President.

3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.

4. HYMN .....No. 208.

5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

25. And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
26. He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?
27. And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbor as thyself.
28. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: This do, and thou shalt live.
29. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?
30. And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.
31. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
32. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.
33. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.
34. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
35. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
36. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
37. And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

6. HYMN .....No. 80.

7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
(a) We are commanded to love and help one another, not for the sake of worldly good, but for the sake of the Father, "Love one another as,"—I Jno. 3: 24.
(b) Our love should be sincere, active, disinterested and universal. Christianity is a religion of brotherly affection, of charity, of mutual sympathy and help, "This is the message,"—I Jno. 3: 11.
(c) Seeking the welfare of our fellowmen is goodness, of all virtues the greatest, because it is imitating our Lord, "Who went about doing good,"—Acts 10: 38.

II
(a) We can make our lives abundantly useful, but pity must become active help, "He that is greatest shall be your,"—Matt. 23: 11.
(b) If we do what we can promptly, we will be astonished at what we can do. The one who forsakes all that he may work with Christ for the good of others is the one that gains all, "He that loseth his life for,"—Matt. 10: 39.
(c) The real test of life is not what our life is in strength, but what we do with our life, "I am made all things that,"—I Cor. 9: 22.

8. HYMN .....No. 32.

Names of Leaders_____

9. OPEN MEETING.....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. A new commandment I give,—Jno. 13: 31-34. 2. By love serve one another,—Gal. 5: 13-26. 3. Be not weary in well-doing,—Gal. 6: 2-10. 4. Every man's work shall be tried,—I Cor. 3: 13-15. 5. God's ideal neighbor,—Lev. 19: 13-18.

LESSON LIGHTS.

From this parable we learn that not only our friends, or those of the same faith or nation, are our neighbors, but everyone within our knowledge. They are bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, and we are bound by the law of God to own them as our neighbors, "A new commandment I give you,"—Jno. 13: 34.

Christ has no need of our service, but he has substituted our neighbor in his place to receive our help, and has commanded us to do it as to himself. True loving and helping is not receiving but giving; the Christ-like desire toward our neighbor is that we may do him good, "Whosoever shall give unto one,"—Matt. 10: 42.

This love of our neighbor is the very touch-stone by which we are to examine the sincerity of our love to God. It is the proof of our love to God, for we cannot love God if our hearts are filled with hatred toward our fellowmen,—Jno. 4: 20, 21.

Jesus Christ is the ideal Samaritan. He came to our relief, bound up our wounds at an infinite cost, and has set us an example that we should go and do likewise,—Luke 13: 15. It is the sure test of a Christian and it is the love which banishes anger, envy and covetousness.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

The good Samaritan is well worthy our imitation. Let us learn of him to exercise the feelings of humanity—to help the unfortunate for Christ's sake and our own, for we know not how soon we may be unfortunate ourselves, "Man cometh forth like a flower, and is,"—Job 14: 1, 2.

Our duty is to help the poor, admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel with the doubtful, bear wrongs patiently and forgive injuries. To do good to our fellowmen will be recognized at the great day as doing good to Christ, "Inasmuch as ye have done it,"—Matt. 25: 40.

Who is the neighbor that needs our help? It is our poor fallen race, the many evils and dangers of our country. The Church is a neighbor that needs our help; how she pleads for help all over the world, "God will not forget our labor of love," —Heb. 6: 10.

There are many who feel that they must draw a line somewhere in this work of personal sacrifice. Did Christ draw a line? If Christ had drawn one inside of the very greatest sacrifice, where would we have been,—Rom. 5: 6.

QUESTIONS.

1. Who is my neighbor? 2. Am I my brother's keeper? 3. Who is the good Samaritan? 4. Should religion make us neighborly? Why? 5. Can the heart be open and the hand closed? 6. What is the substance of the law?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS.....The Members.

Who is like unto thee,—Ps. 113: 5, 6. Quicken me for thy,—Ps. 143: 11. Let all rejoice that put,—Ps. 5: 11. The Lord redeemeth the soul,—Ps. 34: 22. Teach me to do thy,—Ps. 143: 10. O that my ways were,—Ps. 119: 5. All thy paths are mercy,—Ps. 25: 10. God be merciful to me,—Ps. 67: 1.

11. HYMN.....No. 167

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

13. HYMN.....No. 41

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

{ Matt. 5: 13-16.
{ Luke 13: 20-29.

LIVES THAT LIFT.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	Matt. 12: 30.	Lives that lean.
Tues.	Rom. 15: 1-3.	Remembering others.
Wed.	Matt. 26: 31-46.	Meeting responsibility.
Thur.	Col. 3: 1-14.	Laying aside weights.
Fri.	Gal. 6: 1-10.	Raising burdens.
Sat.	Mark 9: 17-29.	Lifting men.
Sun.	Luke 13: 20, 21.	The lifting life.

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 37, 25, 45.
2. OPENING SERVICE—Ps. 1: 1-6.....Led by the President.
3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.
4. HYMN .....No. 178.
5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

13. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
14. Ye are the salt of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
20. And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?
21. It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.
22. And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.
23. Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,
24. Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.
25. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are.
26. Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.
27. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.
28. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.
29. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

6. HYMN .....No. 95.
7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
- (a) The life that lifts is the life that does God's will. We have power when our souls agree with God, holiness is power, "Follow holiness, without which,"—Heb. 12: 14.
- (b) If we feed our lives with acts of deception and malignity, it will canker our souls, and it will be harmful to others, and no earthly power can make our lives a lifting power, "The wicked shall fall,"—Prov. 11: 5.
- (c) We should strive after this one thing, that our lives may resemble the life of Christ, and then our light will shine through time and through all eternity,—Matt. 5: 16.

II
- (a) To do good should be among our highest aspirations, for it is our duty to help save and lift up humanity,—Gal. 6: 9, 10.
- (b) We can help by little deeds of kindness, to us they may not seem much, but to the burdened they are great deeds,—Matt. 10: 42.
- (c) By little words we can cheer many a heart. By returning good for evil we avoid strife,—Matt. 25: 23.
- (d) We should always be at leisure to do good, to help others. Love and service are God's ways of greatness,—Matt. 20: 26.

8. HYMN .....No. 226.

Names of Leaders_____

9. OPEN MEETING.....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. Laying aside weights,—Col. 3: 1-14. 2. Ministering to the needy,—Matt. 10: 40-42. 3. Remembering others,—Rom. 15: 1-3. 4. Faithful in little things,—Luke 19: 11-17. 5. The reward,—Matt. 25: 34-40.

LESSON LIGHTS.

Christ left us an example of a life that lifts. It was not his miracles that impressed the people, but it was the grandeur of his personal character, "We beheld his glory,"—Jno. 1: 14.

The life that lifts is not the life that is made up of worldly things, but the life that owns Christ as its Master, and is made up of honesty, uprightness and faithful to all duties—the life that lives to Christ every day and in the minutest things,—Luke 19: 17.

The life that lifts is the life that serves the poor and the suffering in Christ's name—serves with that self-sacrificing love that seeketh the good of others,—Matt. 10: 42.

The life that lifts is the one that stands for truth and for right, whether it is in the home, in the Church, or in the state, "We ought to obey God rather,"—Acts 5: 29.

When the highest end and aim of life is for the glory of God and for the welfare of men, then will it become a lifting power, happy and blessed, "A man's life consisteth not,"—Luke 12: 15.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

We need not seek to do large things that we may have a life that lifts. The most effective way to do good is to be good. If we live near the heart of Christ that we may catch his spirit, and live it in our daily walks of life we have a life that lifts,—Matt. 5: 16.

Truth is the most powerful thing in the world, and at this present time we need quality more than quantity. Too few have as the basis of character the great truths, and that character alone stands and lifts that has truth and purity as its foundation, —II Tim. 2: 19.

We should hold fast, and let nothing separate us from that which we believe to be true and right. And let us remember that we cast a shadow, either for good or for bad, and it would be a bitter thing if a soul would be lost through our shadow, "Whatsoever a man soweth,"—Gal. 6: 7.

Whatever we do, we should make it our aim to do it well—to have our life made up of good deeds. If our deeds are good, however small they may be, our life will be strong and happy, "Walk uprightly, for he that,"—Prov. 10: 9.

QUESTIONS.

1. Who has the lifting power? 2. When can we lift others? 3. How can we lift men? 4. What only can lift our world? 5. How are little deeds valued by Christ? 6. How is life measured? 7. For what are we in this world? 8. Whose burdens should we especially help to lift?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS .....The Members.

The Lord taketh pleasure,—Ps. 149: 4. Who is like unto thee,—Ps. 113: 5, 6. Be merciful unto me,—Ps. 41: 10. Search me and know,—Ps. 139: 23, 24. Oh, that men would,—Ps. 107: 15. Our soul waiteth, he is our,—Ps. 33: 20. Incline my heart unto,—Ps. 119: 36. Teach me to do,—Ps. 143: 10.

11. Hymn .....No. 178.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"Honor the Lord with thy substance."

13. HYMN .....No. 41.

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

ABIDING IN CHRIST.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	Ps. 91: 1-11.	Abiding.
Tues.	Matt. 11: 28-30.	Resting.
Wed.	Jno. 17: 20-24.	Where Christ abode.
Thur.	Heb. 4: 1-11.	The Christian's rest.
Fri.	I Jno. 2: 6-14.	Abiding for fruitage.
Sat.	Luke 3: 2-9.	The unfruitful branch.
Sun.	Jno. 15: 1-10.	Abiding in Christ.

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 71, 42, 77.

2. OPENING SERVICE—Ps. 91: 1-11.....Led by the President.

3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.

4. HYMN .....No. 208.

5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
3. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
4. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
5. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
6. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
7. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
8. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.
9. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
11. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.
12. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
13. Greater love hath no man than this, That a man lay down his life for his friends.
14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.
15. Henceforth I call you not servants for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends: for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

6. HYMN .....No. 229.

7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
- (a) Christ is holiness, and if we want to dwell in him and he in us we must seek holiness. We abide in Christ by faith, by prayer and by obeying the word of God, "I live, yet not I, but,"—Gal. 2: 20.
- (b) It is self-evident that if we live contrary to Christ's life he is not in us, and that we are far from him, "Thou hatest all workers of,"—Ps. 5: 5.
- (c) No one can be a true Christian unless Christ dwelleth in the heart. Except ye abide in me ye can bear no fruit. If the heart is good the life will bear fruit,—Prov. 14: 30.

II
- (a) Christ is our hope, our life, our salvation. Why should we not admit him into our souls and let him be our all and in all,—Col. 3: 11.
- (b) If we admit Christ we will become joint heirs with him,—Rom. 8:17. What higher honor could come to us?
- (c) Christ abides in us and with us when we are humble, peaceable, believing; it is nothing hard, "We will make our abode,"—Jno. 14:23.
- (d) Christ abides with us when our affections are set on things above,—Col. 3: 1-4. Can we flatter a world which crucified our Saviour?

8. HYMN .....No. 168.

Names of Leaders_____

9. OPEN MEETING.....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. The state of the godly,—Ps. 91: 1-11. 2. Where Christ abode,—Jno. 17: 20-24. 3. The Christian's rest,—Heb. 4: 1-11. 4. Abiding for fruitage,—I Jno. 2: 3-11. 5. The unfruitful branch,—Matt. 7: 15-20.

LESSON LIGHTS.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches." Christ is the center of the Christian life; he is the vine and the Christians the branches. And because Christ the vine lives, the branches which are the Christians shall also live. Christ is not only the way, the truth, but the life,—Jno. 14: 6, 19.

Christ is the only source of the spiritual life. The branches cannot grow unless they are engrafted into the vine, which is Christ. "I am the resurrection and the life,"—Jno. 11: 25. We might as well expect a branch to grow after it has been cut off from the tree.

To abide in Christ means separation from the world. The doing of God's will, faith, trust, are the means that bring this union with Christ, "Be not unwise but know the,"—Eph. 5: 17. Where these are wanting there can be no true and living union with Christ, and no salvation,—Jno. 3: 3-5. Luke 13: 3-5.

If the branch abides in the vine it will bring forth much fruit for this life and the life to come. The abiding in Christ gives power in prayer, and in this life—it gives direct participation in all that belongs to Christ, his life, his righteousness, his inheritance, "It doth not yet appear what we,"—I Jno. 3: 2.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

To abide in Christ we must put off sin, as we cannot abide in Christ and in worldliness at the same time, "What fellowship hath righteousness with,"—II Cor. 6: 14. We must put away evil and continue in faith and in constant communion with Christ in prayer and in his Word.

If we are branches, there will be a gradual transformation of our outer life into Christlikeness. As Christ lived we will live, as he ministered to others we will minister, as he was patient, unselfish and kind, so will we be—we show the life of the vine, "He is a new creature,"—II Cor. 5: 17.

If we permit Christ to dwell in our hearts by faith he will be our strength, our comfort and our salvation, "Our all in all,"—Col. 3: 11. And only as we get Christ into our hearts and let him dwell in us by his Spirit shall we reach the true Christian life.

God gives us trials and afflictions to awaken and to bring forth the Christian life, and we should learn to love them, knowing that God sends them for our good. He lays no more upon us than is necessary for our salvation, "All things work together for,"—Rom. 8: 28.

QUESTIONS.

1. Who is the husbandman, the vine, the branches? 2. What do the vine and the branch teach? 3. What is required to abide in Christ? 4. From where does the power of the Christian life come? 5. How do we know we abide in Christ? 6. What is the fruit of the branches? 7. What does perfect union insure? 8. Is purging the branches punishment?

9. SENTENCE PRAYERS.....The Members.

Let the words of my mouth,—Ps. 19: 45. O Lord open my lips,—Ps. 51: 15. The Lord is nigh unto,—Ps. 34: 18. Create in me a clean,—Ps. 51: 10. The Lord is my light,—Ps. 27: 1. The sacrifices of God are,—Ps. 51: 7. Restore unto me thy,—Ps. 51: 12, 13. Purge me with,—Ps. 51: 7.

10. HYMN.....No. 223.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"God loveth a cheerful giver."

13. HYMN.....No. 216.

14. LORD'S PRAYER. BENEDICTION.

June 24. { *Matt. 13: 47-50.* / *Rev. 21: 1-8.*

OUR ETERNAL DESTINY.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

Mon.	Gen. 1: 26, 27.	Man made in God's image.
Tues.	Luke 5: 27-32.	The gospel for the sinful.
Wed.	Rom. 2: 6-10.	Life here a preparation.
Thur.	I Cor. 15: 35-49.	The earth life a prophecy.
Fri.	Rev. 21: 1-7.	The life of heaven.
Sat.	Jno. 20: 11-17.	Our destiny in God.
Sun.	Matt. 13: 47-50.	Our eternal destiny.

1. SONG SERVICE.....Nos. 186, 53, 2.

2. OPENING SERVICE—Ps. 23: 1-6.....Led by the President.

3. PRAYER .....Led by the Pastor.

4. HYMN .....No. 146.

5. SCRIPTURE LESSON, Read Responsively.....Led by the Leaders.

47. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:
48. Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.
49. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,
50. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
2. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
3. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
4. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away
5. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.
6. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
7. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son,
8. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

6. HYMN .....No. 140.

7. SHORT ADDRESSES .....The Leaders.

I
- (a) Our Lord tells us of two ways; the broad way which leadeth to destruction, and the narrow way which leadeth unto life,—Matt. 7: 13, 14.
- (b) The broad way is the way that Satan travels; it is a life of sin which will end in eternal punishment, "These shall go away,"—Matt. 25: 46.
- (c) Christ is the narrow way; it is a life of faith and repentance, and will give us a "crown of glory that fadeth not a,"—I Peter 5: 4.

II
- (a) God left it with us to choose our way; we are not compelled to take the narrow way, forced love is not acceptable; nor the broad way, even if there are many temptations to evil,—Deut. 11: 26-28.
- (b) We must decide between the two—one way we must travel, "Ye cannot serve God and,"—Matt. 6: 24. There is no middle way.
- (c) Let us choose Christ; if we embrace him we have salvation, and apart from him it does not exist, "There is none other,"—Acts 4: 12.

8. HYMN .....No. 138.

Names of Leaders_____

9. OPEN MEETING.....Led by the President.

BIBLE READINGS.

1. No tears,—Rev. 7: 14-17. 2. No death,—Rev. 20: 7-15. 3. Beauty there, —Rev. 21: 10-21. 4. Jesus is there,—Rev. 22: 1-6. 5. Jesus is the way,—Jno. 14: 1-7.

LESSON LIGHTS.

The parable of the net is evidently designed to show the final separation that shall take place at the judgment day. At the last day the net will be pulled to the shore of eternity, and there under the eye of God the good shall be gathered into vessels and the bad shall be cast away,—Matt. 25: 31-46.

There are but two classes, the good and the wicked. And our Lord would have us remember that everyone will be judged; at the last day an account will be taken of the deeds done in the body, and each one will go to his own place, "We must all appear."—II Cor. 5: 10.

This parable sets forth the doom of the wicked, which shall never end, "Where the worm dieth not." God means that this idea of hell should ever be kept in mind. The warning is fully given; there is no deception about its nature or its duration, and everyone is left without an excuse, "How shall we escape,"—Heb. 2:3.

Our Christian life in this world is, at the very best, a continuous struggle against sin and the devil. Life eternal is a rest from sin, evil and suffering; it is a perfect love to our Lord, and it gives us a perfect knowledge of God and his works, and the sweetest communion with the saints and angels of heaven,—Rev. 7: 15.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

The time is coming when the righteous shall be separated from the unrighteous. Many say, God is a merciful God, and how can he punish. Let us remember that God is at the same time a just God, and the penalties as well as the rewards of his law must be rendered,—Rev. 1: 18.

We enter the kingdom of heaven by faith, prayer, repentance—cleansing the heart and the life. We must have the life of God in us before we are ready to dwell in blessedness with God. There can be no heaven for unheavenly minds, "Not everyone that sayeth,"—Matt. 7: 21.

The great hindrance of entering the kingdom is self-righteousness—thinking we are as good as the true Christians, or by doing so and so we can enter. All we can do or give is as "filthy rags." We must look to Christ as the author and finisher of our faith and do as he directs,—Matt. 5: 20.

We should seek after eternal life earnestly, at any cost. All it requires is to give up to God's care and control ourselves and all we have, entire consecration. There is no time for trifling; eternal happiness or eternal misery lies before us. Which shall be ours?—Luke 12: 37. I Cor. 2: 9.

QUESTIONS.

1. Why is Christ the way? 2. What must we do to be saved? 3. Can we tell which will be our home? 4. What is this world for us? 5. Is it an easy thing to get to heaven? 6. What robs death of its terrors? 7. Could the wicked enjoy heaven? 8. Are we to think of hell?

10. SENTENCE PRAYERS .....The Members.

Consider and hear me, lest,—Ps. 13: 3. We will set up our banners,—Ps. 20: 5. Wash me thoroughly from,—Ps. 51: 2. Open thou my eyes,—Ps. 119: 18. Remember not my sins,—Ps. 25: 7. Examine me and prove,—Ps. 26: 2. Yea, though I walk,—Ps. 23: 4.

11. HYMN .....No. 115.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS.—OFFERTORY—"The liberal soul shall be made fat."

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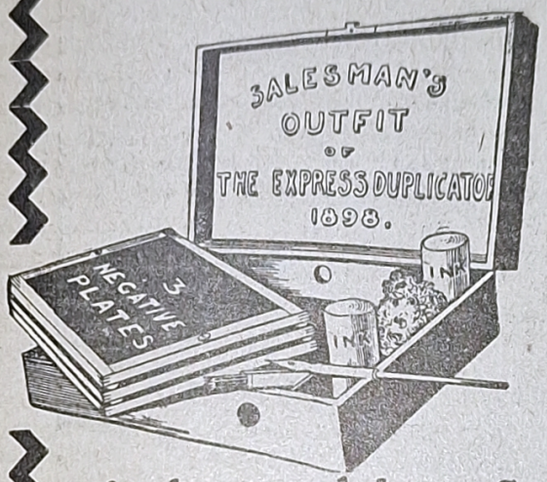

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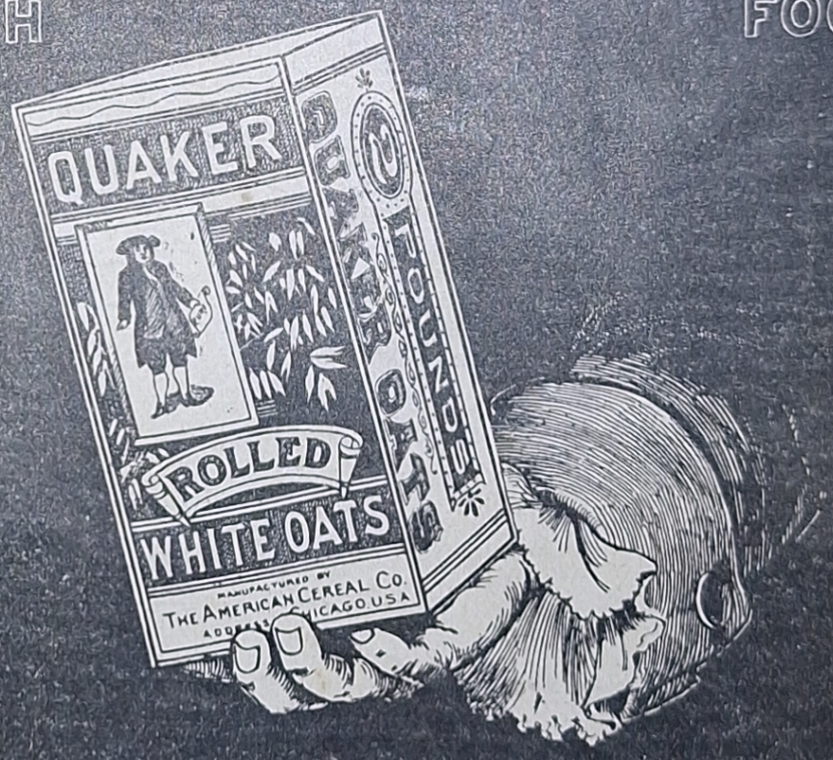

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